

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 4, 2014
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, Nelson Almeida, David Andrade,
Michael Brady, Gary Sagar

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Parker opened the meeting at 6 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20, anybody recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording the meeting both audio and video.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Sagar reported that volunteers are needed on the Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Energy Committee, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation, Property Tax Work Off Committee, Recycling Committee, Senior Center Building Committee, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Cadime advised that some talent bank forms have been submitted.

PRIORITY MATTERS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Update and Discussion on Contract for ABC Disposal

Mr. Cadime advised that Atty. Mark Reich of Kopelman & Paige had changed the term to a three-year contract with two three-year renewals. Those renewals should go before Town Meeting. Mr. Cadime is reviewing other language changes. Because the Board had voted on a ten-year contract and talked about a five-year with five-year extension, he asked whether he should proceed and submit the contract to ABC or should the Board take another vote.

Mr. Sagar noted that he was opposed to the ten-year contract. He asked if it should go to Town Meeting because it is a budget item.

Mr. Cadime said the Board of Selectmen has the authority to enter into a contract as long as it doesn't exceed three years. He would check with Kopelman & Paige.

Mr. Brady wanted to a clarification from Atty. Reich as to what provision he was referring to under the law. He pointed out that this is a service contract, not collective bargaining. He has never seen those go to Town Meeting, especially if there is no monetary figure.

Mr. Cadime will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. He suggested the three-year contract be forwarded to ABC. There are no significant changes.

Mr. Sagar noted discussion on this started back in April. The attorney should have been more responsive than that.

Mr. Brady said there were several one-year extensions in the last contract with ABC.

Mr. Almeida agreed with Mr. Sagar that this should have been handled weeks ago, not a week before Town Meeting.

Mr. Brady asked if the contract is ratified at Town Meeting does that ratify the Agreement or would it still be separate.

Update and Discussion on Old Town Hall with Wampanoag Tribe, Historical Commission, and Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Cadime advised this was put on the agenda at Mr. Sagar's request to have further conversation on warrant Article 30. He distributed copies of the lease agreement.

Mr. Sagar said his concern is the lack of any work being done. He noted that nobody from the tribe was in attendance.

There was discussion that the Town would do the roof and gutters.

CPC Chairman John Alves stated that they are in a difficult position. They do not have any application for additional funds. There is \$50,000 left over from the \$100,000 appropriated at Town Meeting.

The Town has done the mold and asbestos removal. Apparently, \$50,000 does not cover the cost of the roof. The Historical Commission has stated the roof cannot be an asphalt roof in order to stay in historic status. They can do a "circuit rider" from Preservation Massachusetts to look at the building and determine what is historically correct to get on the National Register. Article 30 would combine the \$50,000 to put the proper roof on the building.

Chairman Parker said all groups need to get together to discuss this.

Mr. Andrade asked if the improvements are being made to get on the Register.

Mr. Alves said he couldn't answer that. It is up to the Historical Commission. He understood it was locally designated by the Historical Commission.

He got an e mail from Richard Wallace that the only issue as far as the National Register would be the wood shingle roof.

Mr. Sagar felt that Town Meeting should decide if the building should be on the National Register.

Mr. Alves said the tribe has more opportunities to get additional funds.

Mr. Brady stated that, according to M.G.L., that building is a town building under the control of the Board of Selectmen. The Board signed an agreement between the Town and the Wampanoags. The Historical Commission does not have the authority to make a decision. The decision is solely with the Board of Selectmen.

He asked if they are comfortable with a structure that would have all combustible materials.

Chairman Parker suggested that Board members should indicate they have no recommendation on Article 30.

Mr. Alves felt the money spent on the building would have to come back to the CPC because the standards of restoring the building to historical conditions were not met.

Mr. Sagar said the Town made the remediation that had to be done. He suggested the warrant article should be tabled.

Mr. Andrade suggested that Mr. Alves look at the agreement between the Community Preservation Committee and the Wampanoags.

Mr. Sagar felt that representatives of the tribe and the Historical Commission should attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS (First Session)

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote and Sign the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) for Cuddigan Realty Property on School Street

Mr. Cadime advised that this was approved at Town Meeting on June 10, 2013. Article 11 authorized \$147,000 of CPC money to be used for the purchase of this property. The total purchase price is \$735,000. The State is paying \$588,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Sagar, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) for Cuddigan Realty Property on School Street.

Consider Approval of Contract Amendment for GPI to Conduct a Road Safety Audit for Luther's Corner Project

Town Engineer David Cabral advised the project is moving along toward the 25% design submission. It is on the TIP for 2017. A Road Safety Audit is required because this location has been identified as HSIP eligible. That provides an opportunity for funding from the federal government if there is a problem with TIP money.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Contract Amendment No. 1 with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) in the amount of \$4,500 to conduct a Road Safety Audit at Luther's Corner.

Consider Awarding Surface Treatment Contract to All States Asphalt, Inc. and Sign Contract

DPW Superintendent Robert Lamoureux recommended awarding the contract to All States Asphalt, Inc. This firm was the only bidder. They have worked in the Town for the past 12 years.

Mr. Cadime added his recommendation.

Mr. Almeida expressed concern that there was only one bidder.

Mr. Lamoureux said another contractor took out bid documents but never submitted a bid. That firm was from Connecticut.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To award and sign the contract for surface treatment to All States Asphalt, Inc.

Mr. Sagar asked about Anthony Street and Arcade Avenue. He heard comments that the road surface is rough looking.

Mr. Lamoureux said that is due to the process used. That will be covered with micro surface in July.

Discussion on the Need for a Joint Meeting with School Committee to Discuss Subcommittee for Consolidation of Services

Mr. Sagar said that the Board needs to discuss budgets immediately after Town Meeting and look at consolidation. There needs to be a plan in place to better maintain the Town's infrastructure. He mentioned maintenance, trash removal, and payments for special education. He said the School Committee entered into a ten-year lease with the South Coast Collaborative. The Collaborative gets reduced rent and the School Department gets a reduced amount on tuition. The Collaborative is housed in two of the oldest buildings; one of those will need a roof. The Town could potentially be paying millions of dollars over the life of the lease.

Mr. Brady said that was exclusively between the School Committee and the South Coast Collaborative. If a roof has to be put on that building, it would have to come from the School Department budget. He would never support paying for that. The Collaborative makes millions of dollars in tuition. Most of the students are from other communities. Seekonk pays \$1M for its students.

Mr. Sagar was concerned that Seekonk would be in the same position as the Town of Rehoboth with respect to its budget.

Chairman Parker suggested a work session with the School Committee in July.

Mr. Sagar noted that is six weeks away.

Mr. Brady said that the end of the fiscal year is busy for the Town and School Department. He had no problem with waiting until July.

Mr. Cadime will contact the School Department.

Consider Approval of Request from Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to Use Taunton Avenue on August 17, 2014 for Their Yearly Procession

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request from the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to use Taunton Avenue on August 17, 2014 beginning at 12 noon for approximately one hour.

Update on Animal Shelter Roof

Mr. Cadime advised that three quotes were received. The quote of \$9,800 from B & R Fournier Construction was the lowest. It goes back to February/March but is still valid.

In 2011, an article was approved for \$100,000 of which \$79,300 is the balance.

Chairman Parker wanted a copy of the bidders list because he was not comfortable with the discrepancy.

Mr. Lamoureux advised that B & R Fournier is a local company that has previously worked for the Town.

Chairman Parker said the second bidder is also local.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table until the next meeting.

Assignment of Warrant Articles for Town Meeting

Mr. Brady #6, and #25,#26,#27,#28, and #29

Mr. Almeida #5, #11 and #24

Mr. Sagar #4, #10 and #22

Mr. Andrade #1, #3, and #23

Chairman Parker #9, #15 and #21. Several articles will be indefinitely postponed.

Consider Approval of Regular Session Minutes of May 7, 2014 and May 14, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of May 7, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Sagar, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of May 14, 2014.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours Before the Meeting

None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime advised that the World Series championship trophy will be at Town Hall on August 26, 2014 between 5 and 7 p.m. for Red Sox fans. Yankee fans are invited. Residents will be allowed to take pictures with the trophy.

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Mr. Andrade advised that he received phone calls from residents in the area of Carters Way regarding noise from dump trucks coming from the E. Providence side between 10:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. He spoke to a contact in East Providence. If the noise continues, please contact the Board of Selectmen or Mr. Cadime. East Providence has a protocol in place.

Mr. Sagar mentioned the 70th Anniversary of D Day. Several ceremonies will be held, including one on the Battleship, Massachusetts.

Mr. Brady stated that he received a phone call from a resident who received a citation because he was late in licensing a dog. The resident came to Town Hall on Friday after work to pay it but Town Hall was closed. The form says from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. That should be corrected.

Mr. Cadime said he spoke to the individual. He wanted to talk to the Board before he waived the fee. He recommended continuing with the fee and waiving the late fee

Mr. Brady wanted to clarify rumors going around about the school budget.

The school budget was not decreased. It was increased by \$600,000+ and a \$200,000+ capital item for security. Any reductions were from the requests made by the School Department.

Chairman Parker reminded residents that Town Meeting will take place next Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7 p.m. This is the time for residents to have input on the budget.

He congratulated Mr. Dave Viera and the Memorial Day Parade Committee. He added that the dedication of the Veterans Memorial went well.

Mr. Sagar noted that Mr. Cadime is the first town administrator who walked in the parade.

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Chairman Parker congratulated Mr. Viera who was Seekonk's recipient of the Portuguese Heritage Award at the State House in Boston.

Mr. Cadime said this started with the representatives who were of Portuguese heritage.

Chairman Parker asked for an update on the demolition of the old police association building behind the library.

Mr. Cadime said there were quotes for demotion. Acme Abatement was the lowest quote. The only way to access the building is to go over the capped landfill. No more than a pick up truck can go over that capped landfill. The State would have to grant access.

Mr. Sagar will serve with Mr. Brady on the subcommittee regarding the Veterans Memorial Park.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS (Second Session)

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:37 p.m. Mr. Sagar motioned, seconded by Mr. Brady to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21(6) for the purpose of discussion on real estate negotiations for the senior center which the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position. The Board may reconvene in Open Session and there may or may not be a statement made at that time. Also, to accept the Executive Session minutes of April 9, 2014 and April 23, 2014.

Mr. Sagar – Aye; Mr. Brady – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Parker – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Andrade, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary